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Mr. David S. Wilson
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2009 Diversion for the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (District)

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter informs the District of the determination of the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2009 by the District.

The District is entitled to divert the balance of Arizona's 2,766,331 acre-feet adjusted consumptive use apportionment that is not being diverted and consumed, within entitlements and approved estimated water requirements, by the higher priority entitlement holders within the state of Arizona. The approved amount for the District's 2009 diversion reflects an amount that is projected to allow Arizona entitlement holders to meet but not exceed Arizona's 2,766,331 acre-feet adjusted apportionment.

Reclamation hereby approves the diversion of 1,507,899 acre-feet of Colorado River water for use in the District's contract service area for 2009. Reclamation also approves the diversion by the District of the remaining unused Arizona adjusted apportionment of Colorado River water as reflected on Reclamation's 2009 Forecasted Water Use website. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

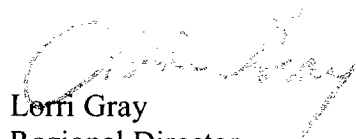
- (1) The data on the website are provisional until final records are issued. Any diversions made as a result of the values on the website are at the District's risk.
- (2) All available Colorado River water within Arizona has been approved for beneficial use within the state. Approved amounts remain available to the senior priority entitlement holders. In cases where approvals to senior entitlement holders are less than their diversion entitlement, the approvals may be increased to the full amount allowed by contract.

- (3) Final accounting records published by Reclamation may differ slightly from the provisional data on the website. Adjustments to the final records may result in an inadvertent overrun by the District.
- (4) The District will be required to pay back any overrun according to the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy.
- (5) Reclamation may at any time rescind this approval to divert unused Arizona apportionment of Colorado River water.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2009 in an effort to ensure the entitlement of each authorized user is not exceeded. Beginning in February 2009, these projections are available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's web site: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast09.pdf. It is expected that Arizona entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities.

Thank you for the submittal of the District's diversion estimate for 2009. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Ruth Thayer at 702-293-8426.

Sincerely,



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